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## **SENATE APPROVES ALLARD AMENDMENT PROHIBITING INDONESIAN MILITARY FUNDING**

### **LEGISLATIVE RESPONSE TO AUGUST 2002 ATTACK ON TWO COLORADO RESIDENTS AND EIGHT OTHER AMERICANS**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, announced the Senate's approval of his amendment to H.R. 2800, the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill for FY04. His amendment prohibits International Military Education Training funds for Indonesia.

The legislation is in response to an August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002 attack on 10 Americans living in Indonesia. Hundreds of rounds of ammunition were fired leaving two of the ten dead and most of the survivors with multiple gunshot wounds. Following a visit from Colorado resident Patsy Spiers, one of the survivors who lost her husband in the ambush, Senator Allard contacted President Bush urging an investigation from the Indonesian government into the attack which implicated the Indonesian military.

According to press reports, shortly after the Indonesian civil police report was filed implicating the military's involvement in the attack, the Indonesian military exonerated themselves from the attack. Following intensified diplomatic pressure from the United States the Indonesian government launched a second investigation into the ambush. However despite multiple visits to the country the FBI has yet to receive the cooperation it needs to determine those responsible for these brutal murders.

“In no way should the United States provide military assistance to Indonesia

until this matter is resolved,” said Allard. “I can in no way express my sadness for the horrific events that Mrs. Spiers and the other nine victims have endured both during the attack and the injustice that has followed. It is my hope that with this amendment we can offer these American families the justice and resolution that they deserve,” added Allard.

“I want to thank Senators Mitch McConnell and Gordon Smith for all of their hard work in getting this very important amendment passed through the Senate,” said Allard. “In this day and age where Americans are at risk both at home and abroad it is more important than ever that we respond to such attacks with resolve and strength,” concluded Allard.

The amendment, which was co-sponsored by Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR) and Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO) was accepted by unanimous consent late Tuesday evening, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

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